

ATTACHMENT A

Remarks

Claims 1-19 are pending in the present Application. By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1-10 and added new claims 11-19. With regard to claims 1-10, Applicants have corrected a translational error which occurred when translating the priority document into English where “spring washer” was inadvertently substituted for an “elastic washer”. Corresponding changes were made to the specification on pages 9-12 and the Abstract of the Disclosure.

In addition, by this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have added new claims 11-19. Claim 11 recites the taper at the ends of the transverse bores and claim 12 recites the holding elements are balls which are of such a diameter such as to snap fit into the annular groove, the subject matter of both disclosed in the specification as filed. Finally, new claims 13-19 correspond to original claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 respectively, dependent from added claim 12. Therefore, the claim amendments do not constitute new matter.

END REMARKS